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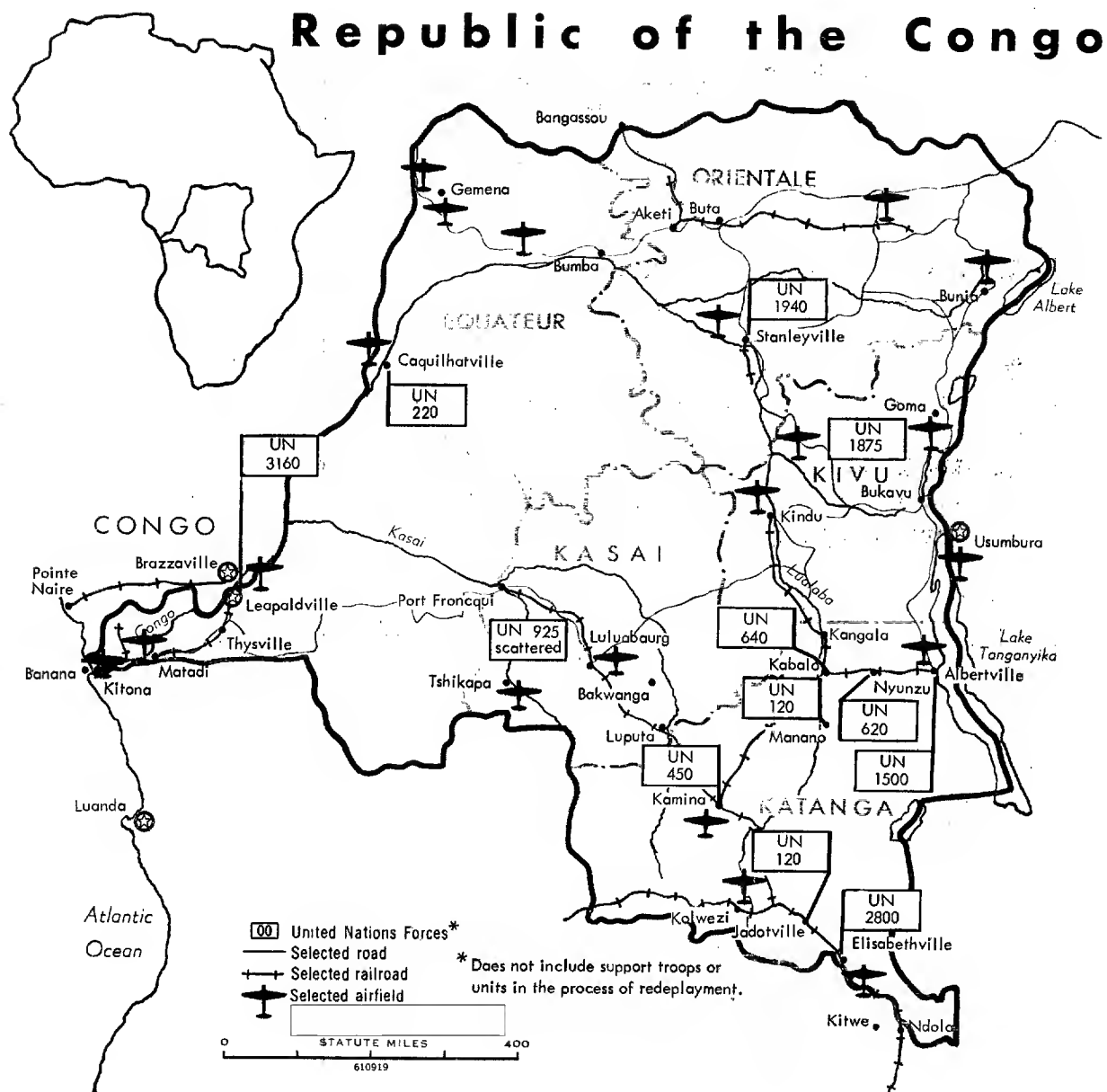
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**DAILY BRIEF**

\*Congo: Hammarskjold's death further reduces the prospects for an agreement in the near future to reintegrate Katanga into the Congo. Tshombé is quoted as having told a news conference in Northern Rhodesia yesterday that he was returning to Katanga to lead a "fight to the end" against UN troops. Tshombé said he was willing to discuss a peaceful solution with UN representatives and "will talk with anybody of good faith," but not with O'Brien, the chief UN representative in Katanga. A UN spokesman in Leopoldville said that a high UN official would be detailed to contact Tshombé, but also stated that Hammarskjold's death will not mean any change in UN policy in Katanga.

Attacks on UN positions continued through yesterday, and reports indicate the fighting has now spread to several localities in northern Katanga. The Irish unit which had been besieged at Jadotville has surrendered, and several unconfirmed press stories indicate that the UN base at Kamina may have fallen to Katangan forces.

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Situation in the Congo

On 16 September, Hammarskjold took the initiative in the efforts to arrange discussions with Tshombé. As a result of a message he sent to the Katanga leader, Tshombé agreed to a meeting in Ndola, Northern Rhodesia. Both Tshombé and an advance party of UN officials arrived at Ndola airport Sunday evening. A few hours later, after circling the airport briefly, Hammarskjold's aircraft turned away. It apparently crashed shortly thereafter.

In Belgium, Foreign Minister Spaak and the Lefevre government are under heavy criticism from important elements of the press and private opinion for refusing to be drawn into supporting the violent attack on the United Nations now current throughout the entire Belgian press. Ambassador MacArthur comments that the restraint shown by Spaak and the government thus far does not mean that they still do not have the strongest feelings regarding UN operations in Katanga.

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